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# Graduates should utilize CES, job placement websites

**Sam Diederich** |COLLEGIAN

Springtime is often associated with the renewal of life. Nature shakes off winter's cold and begins to buzz again with an energy that had been missing during the previous months. The transformation is miraculous enough to inspire songwriters and poets to burst with excitement over the revival of life. College seniors, however, might feel differently about spring's arrival.

The transition from college to career is often enough to intimidate even the most prepared graduating senior, but it can be especially worrisome in the current job market. According to an April 2010 report by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, employers plan to hire 5.3 percent more new college graduates in 2010 than they did in 2009. On the surface, this statistic may inspire optimism, but the temporary rise in hires comes after a 21.6 percent drop in hires during the 2009 spring semester.

To succeed in a difficult job market, Kerri Day Keller, director of Career and Employment Services, advises students to be proactive and flexible in their search for gainful employment.

"Internships and networking can be very helpful," Keller said.

Connections with neighbors, family and former employers can be very helpful, she

said.

"Students need to be as flexible as possible as far as geographically where they are willing to go," Keller said. "They should broaden the fields they are willing to look at."

Ruth Ruggles, senior in human resource management, said she agrees. Ruggles has landed a job in her field at Cargill in Nebraska, and her flexibility may be what sets her apart from other applicants.

"Be willing to relocate," Ruggles said. "I think that's what landed the job for me, because I didn't have a particular place that I cared about."

Flexibility, however, is not always enough to overcome an increased number of applicants and fewer available positions.

Brandon Cresky, senior in political science, has experienced difficulties attaining a job, despite his willingness to work a job that might be less than ideal.

"I'm the very definition of flexible," Cresky said. "I've had a couple interviews, but nothing really solid. I'm worried I might not get anything because there's not much out there right now and everyone and their cousin is applying for what is available."

Keller tells graduating seniors like Cresky not to panic, and the numbers support her argument. Six months after the 2009 graduation, 89 percent of K-State graduates had either been hired to a full-



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time job or accepted to a graduate school program.

"Graduating seniors don't need to feel like all hope is lost," Keller said.

Keller said Career and Employment Services will be open throughout the summer to help graduating seniors.

By utilizing their CES accounts, students can search online job listings, receive information about potential jobs and even cre-

ate a "job agent" that will request information about a particular career field, much like the website *Monster.com*.

Besides being flexible and proactive, Keller would offer one other piece of advice to graduating seniors.

"Be hopeful, be positive," Keller said. "Your attitude is going to come through in your job search, and those are the kinds of things employers will hire on."

# All Grown Up

## Congratulations Graduates!

**Trent McGee**

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a job well done.

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<b>Ashley Nichole Jenson</b> <p>Congratulations, Ashley! We are very proud of you! Wishing you continued success. All our love, Mom, Dad &amp; D'Neal</p>	<b>Ryan Kirkeby</b> <p>You knew you could make this happen! Congratulations on a job well done. HOOAH! Love, Mom and Dad</p>	<b>Sara Christine Kentzler</b> <p>Well Done! Love, Mom, Dad &amp; Stacy</p>	<b>Michelle Rene Foster</b> <p>Reached for the stars. Believed and Achieved. Love, Mom, Jason, Hilery, Antonio, Christopher (Our Angel), Gabriela, Bonnie, Reece and Geoffry</p>
<b>Ben Coughlin</b> <p>Once again you have made us proud. Love, Mom and Dad and all your family.</p>	<b>Sean Donnelly</b> <p>Congratulations! You did it! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom and Dad, Erin and Cara</p>	<b>Cody Strodtman</b> <p>Congolese! We are proud of you. All your hard work has paid off. Love, Dad, Mom, Justin Viva la Gilligan!</p>	<b>Katie Fooshee</b> <p>We are so proud of you! Go see, do and live it! Jeremiah 29:11 Love, Mom &amp; Dad</p>
			<b>Zachary Harmon</b> <p>We are even more proud of you now then we were back then. We love you! Mom and Dad and Eli</p>



# Student shares life experiences learned throughout college

I logged on to *Facebook.com* the other day and saw an invitation to a group called “Plan Our 5-Year Reunion.” Of course that got me thinking about everything that has happened. So, I have written these thoughts down and would like to share them.

It’s amazing how much you miss being in high school even in a mere five years. No matter how many times you hear, “You are going to miss this someday” in high school and thinking they are crazy for saying that, it takes leaving the comfort of a selfish, irresponsible teenage life to truly understand what they mean. Then you think that you yourself are the crazy one. You will never know how much you will miss your crazy family until you don’t see them every day, so cherish every second you are with them. So much can happen in five years and so much can change in your life and your classmates’ lives. It’s equally amazing how little some people change and you realize some people will never grow up.

I never should have made fun of my mom for clipping coupons and getting excited about a sale. Now I know coupons and sales are your best friend, so take advantage of them. Some advice I would give anyone is don’t try to plan your life out, it will never be exactly what you expected and that truly is the best part of life. My dad is right, life is an adventure, not always a good adventure, but things have this crazy way of working out.

Life can be looked at entirely as good if you learn from the bad or try to make every negative into a positive. There is good in almost everything; sometimes you just have to look really hard.

I would also advise people that it is important to believe in something, whether it is religion, your parents, politics, love, soulmates – believe in something strongly and never let that belief go. That belief is what will get you through the tough stuff, it will keep you going. It’s the tough things in life that give you character, shape who you are and make life exciting. It also never hurts to surround yourself with people who know the true you, who have seen you at your worst and people whom you have seen at their worst and for some reason still want to see each other again and again.

I’ve realized that love is hard, heart-breaking, frustrating and totally worth every bit of it. The fact that two people can be very different can cause fights, but if you are willing to compromise you will get a positive result. When opposites attract, their differences can balance each other out. My husband is very outgoing and I am very shy; I hold him back a little and he helps me be bolder.

Always listen to your heart and use your experiences. Cherish the past, look forward to the future, but never forget to slow down and just enjoy the present. The boring quiet times are to be cherished also, so slow down and try to enjoy it.

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 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Melissa Marie Taylor</b></p> <p>Congratulations, Lissa! So proud of you and your many accomplishments! We all love you, Mom, Dad, Granny, Kevin and Laura</p>	 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Jenna Dockweiler</b></p> <p>A major and a minor in just 3 years. You go Quiz-Moe Moe! Love, Mom, Dad, Caitlin, &amp; critters</p>	 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Jamie Jacobs</b></p> <p>Our loving little girl all grown up! Your family is proud of your accomplishments. Love, Grandma and Grandpa</p>	 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Justin Duane Battershell</b></p> <p>WOW! Great job. We are very proud of all that you have accomplished. Love, Mom and Dad</p>	 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Allison Renee Brown</b></p> <p>YOU DID IT! We are so proud! Love, Mom and Dad</p>	 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Julia Snyder</b></p> <p>Congratulations and God bless you. We are very proud of you! Love, Mom, Grandma, Grandpa and Aunt Linda</p>
 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Andrew Hansen</b></p> <p>We are so proud of you. Congratulations! We love you! Love, Dad, Mom and Ben</p>	 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Rachel A. Irwin</b></p> <p>We're so very proud of you, baby girl. Love, Madré &amp; Dad</p>	 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Caroline Sweeney</b></p> <p>Congratulations. We are very proud of you! Love, from Katherine, Erika and Dad (and Mom, who is smiling for sure)</p>		 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Kent Downing</b></p> <p>Yay, you did it! We are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, and Kaitlin</p>	 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Matt Wilson</b></p> <p>Way to go, Matthew! Outstanding job!! Love, Mom and Dad</p>
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 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Cole Rutledge</b></p> <p>We are all so proud of you! Hope you find the job of your dreams. Love, Mom, Dad and Jess</p>	 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Courtney Christine Cogan</b></p> <p>Congratulations! We love you so much and are very proud to call you our daughter! Love, Mom and Daddy</p>	 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Tara Mikal Hallan</b></p> <p>"Excellent ride and slide to success!" We are proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad and Brother, Mame &amp; Grandsir</p>	 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Ian and Hannah Hartsig</b></p> <p>Congratulations! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, &amp; Colleen</p>	 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Katie Yunghans</b></p> <p>Congratulations - We knew you could do it! May all your dreams come true. Love, Dad, Mom, Kelly &amp; David</p>	
 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Gina Marie Berger</b></p> <p>We are so proud of you! Keep reaching for the stars. Love, Dad and Mom</p>	 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Elizabeth Godfrey</b></p> <p>Congratulations!! We are proud of you. Love, Mom and Grant</p>	 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Janelle Franklin</b></p> <p>We are so proud of you. Your hard work and persistence have paid off! Love, Mom, Dad, Christy and family.</p>	 <p><b>KSU</b> Class of '10</p> <p><b>Chris Carpenter</b></p> <p>Congratulations on a great job. We are very proud of you! Mom, Dad, Catie &amp; Kyle</p>		



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# Top 10 Graduation Gifts

As your friends near graduation time, they may be concerned about what's next – where they will work and where they will live. If you aren't graduating, you probably don't have these concerns. Instead, you may be worried about your role in your friends' graduations, specifically, what congratulatory gift to buy.

Don't fret, though, for the Top 10 Grad Gifts Guide is here, and all of the items are available from Manhattan vendors.

**1. FIGHT SONG MUG, \$14.99**

This 24-ounce mug displays the complete K-State Fight Song lyrics.

"It's just a really good mug to keep and have with you," said Becca Stanfield, junior in family studies and Varney's Bookstore employee. "And then, you always have the Fight Song words with you, just in case you need them."

**2. PUB GLASS, \$6.99**

Stanfield said this 16-ounce mug is one of Varney's most popular graduation gifts. It doesn't have any special words, but it is simple and does the job.



**3. BASIC JAR, \$10.99**

This jar has a rubbery rim like that of a candle jar, but it's empty. Stanfield said the empty jar is perfect for filling with candy or other little knickknacks.

**4. FANPAN, \$17.99**

This silicone ice tray is handy because rather than just serving to reminisce about the school the student is leaving, it serves to fill up his or her new kitchen, much like a housewarming present.

The cubes can be filled not only with water, but also with chocolate, candy syrup, Kool-Aid and more.

**5. BOXED COASTER SET, \$25.99**

The white box, with its Powercat logo, is an efficient way to show school spirit while keeping random clutter hidden away. Oh yes, and the coasters are nice, too.

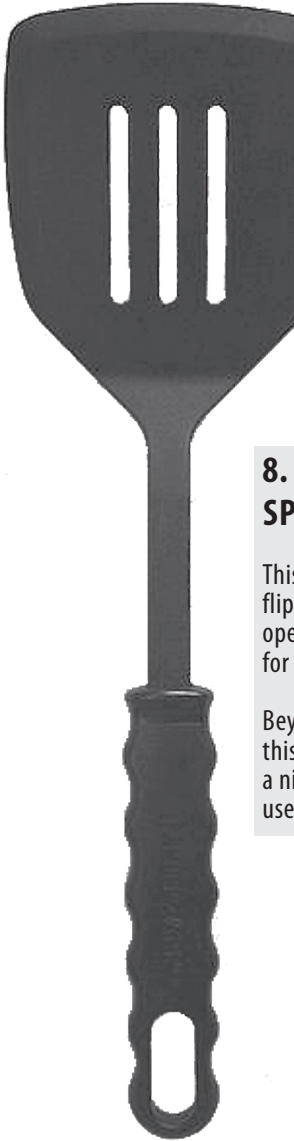
**6. BEER GLASS, \$25.99**

More of a beer guy, Pieschl said these sporty glasses, with their colorful illustrations of the traditional Willie, are great gifts, especially guy-to-guy.

**7. WINE GLASSES, 2 FOR \$33.99**

"Oh, way to pretend to be classy," Drew Pieschl, senior in architectural engineering and Varney's employee, teased Stanfield as she raved about these glasses.

However, even Pieschl agreed that these Powercat-etched glasses are only pricey because they are nice.



**8. DOUBLE-DUTY SPATULA, \$21.99**

This large spatula is useful for flipping burgers, and the bottle opener on the other end is useful for getting the party started.

Beyond tailgating, Stanfield said this spatula/bottle-opener is also a nice housewarming gift to be used while cooking dinner.

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**9. K-STATE TEE, \$12.99**

This is a basic, unisex T-shirt, with the words: "Manhattan, Kansas - Kansas State Wildcats" and the Powercat logo.

**10. TAILGATING CHAIR, \$29.99**

"It's just your good fold-out, lounge-around chair," Pieschl said.

The water-resistant, purple chair folds up small into a bag, to be thrown over the shoulder and carried to your graduating friend's favorite tailgating spot.



So, there you have it - the top 10 graduation gifts of 2010. You now have no excuse to worry over what to get your graduating friends. Now, if you could just figure out how to help them get some jobs.

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# Commencement attire should reflect accomplishments



I have spent the last five years trying to avoid what is going to happen in two weeks. Graduation scares me. Not knowing what will happen in the next year makes me nervous. Thinking about starting my life is mind blowing. But the one thing that makes me cringe, of all the things, are those terrifying graduation gowns. Has anyone really looked at them? I have seen greater creations from Stella Zotis and her leather mess on Project Runway. The fact that these flowing monstrosities are referred to as “gowns” should make every girl cry. As much as it pains me to wear this glorified plastic bag, I have decided that as long as my fashion underneath is fabulous, I will pull through this experience. Although the issue I have with the graduation attire is big, the least I can do is make it look nice. Steam, steam, steam the gowns. Hang them in the bathroom as you shower. It is a cheap and fast way to get wrinkles out. (Gentlemen, that tip is for you too.) If your cap, gown and tassel are not out of the plastic wrap already, take them out, hang them up and let them relax. A trash bag is not flattering, but a wrinkly trash bag is worse.

The gown is what everyone will see, so after that look is polished, have a little fun. It is May, enjoy the weather. Girls, grab those dresses. Guys, get out those bright colored shirts. I like to call spring-time attire “Dressing to the sevens.” A seven is a perfect fit for spring. Classy, sophisticated and clean, but not overdone. Smart lines, bright colors and inventive accessories can make a fun look. I don’t like seeing girls in pants on graduation day, so I am going to advise against it. But if pants are your thing, remember to tailor the length so they don’t drag. Make sure they fit well around the waist. They should be a trouser fit and need to be ironed. Look for dark colors. The K-State gowns are black, so black trousers would be my first choice. Even though it is spring, dark colors are alright. Also, and I cannot stress this enough, no jeans. None. At all. It is trashy, and if you have worked so hard to graduate, don’t waste this moment on a pair of worn-out, tattered jeans. Dresses are amazing. I think they can flatter anyone. There are many different shapes and styles for every occasion. Dresses can be easily tailored to get a nice fit. Keep in mind that going strapless could lead to some potential awkward moments. I personally wouldn’t want to be adjusting my bra in front of the entire audience. I would invest in some double-sided



tape if a strapless dress is what you want. V-neck tops with thick straps and empire waist tops create a nice silhouette. Look for dresses that come to knee length or just above. The idea with these dresses is not to add more width. The gown does more than enough of that. This means the dress you have with taffeta lining and bows on the bottom would be a bad choice. Look for dresses made of cotton, linen or another lightweight fabric so you stay cool and comfortable while sitting in Bramlage Coliseum. These fabrics are easy to care for and they will not add more width. A little tip my mom taught me: Spray a bit of static reducer on the back skirt of your dress – that way the gown won’t stick to you after sitting for a long time. Here is my last bit of advice for the ladies: shoes could not be more important than right now. That shapeless gown does nothing but direct attention down to your feet. What a

better moment than to grab a fantastic pair of shoes and show them off. Rock the highest heels you can if that is what you are comfortable with. I personally cannot wait to find my perfect pair of shoes. Make sure they match your dress and that you have walked in them at least twice. Scuff up the soles outside on the driveway before you walk the stage so you don’t slip around. Great shoes deserve great feet. Find time to give yourself a pedicure. Not only will it make you feel more confident, but a little break from studying never hurt anyone.

Stay away from suede and dark leather if you can. No boots higher than ankle. Stay away from prom shoes and please no clear plastic. If you want strappy sandals, make sure they fit well. If not, grab a leather punch and make a few new holes. If flats are what you want, find a cute pair that fit well and have a fun pattern or something across the toes. This is the time when your shoes can really shine and speak volumes about you. When I walk across the stage, I want people to say, “Look at her shoes. Those things are to die for.” Guys, like always, keep things simple and clean. Just like the girls, make the gown look as best as it can, then go on and have fun. Dress pants, button down shirt and a tie are your best bet. Go for something that flatters your skin and eye color. Think about amping up the color so you stand out from the crowd. This would be a great time for a K-State pattern tie. But remember what I said earlier, the bigger the print, the better. I always remind the gents to wear socks and this is

no exception. I know most men are more comfortable in tennis shoes, but just like jeans, this is not the right occasion for them. Find a nice pair of dress shoes or loafers. Do not wear white socks with dark pants and shoes. I couldn’t care less if the socks are exactly the same length as long as they are the same color. Also, this is a note specifically for the guys out there. I know you are all excited to graduate and assert your independence but don’t go to Bramlage naked. I cannot tell you how many of my guy friends have said they are seriously considering going “commando” under their graduation gown. We are going for classy, not trashy here, guys. This is all the advice I can possibly give to everyone graduating. Keep those gowns clean and smooth. Remember classy and mature not trashy and juvenile. Allow your personality to show through on May 15. This is your big day. Show off a little.

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# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 8, 2010	Time	Location
School • TECHNOLOGY AND AVIATION	10 a.m.	Student Life Center Salina Campus
2310 Centennial Rd., Salina. More information on this ceremony is available at: <a href="http://salina.k-state.edu/academics/commencement">salina.k-state.edu/academics/commencement</a>		
Friday, May 14, 2010	Time	Location
School • GRADUATE SCHOOL	1 p.m.	Bramlage Coliseum
Assemble at noon in the Bramlage concourse; additional assembly information will be provided at a later date. A reception will be in the Bramlage concourse.		
• VETERINARY MEDICINE	3:30 p.m.	McCain Auditorium
Assemble at 2:30 p.m. in McCain music wing, rooms 201 and 204. Enter through the music wing doors on the south side of McCain.		
Saturday, May 15, 2010	Time	Location
School • AGRICULTURE	2:15 p.m.	Bramlage Coliseum
Assemble at 1:30 p.m. in Bramlage tunnel, enter the southeast doors.		
• ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING AND DESIGN	10 a.m.	McCain Auditorium
Assemble at 9 a.m. in McCain music wing, Room 204. Enter through music wing doors on the south side of the building.		

Saturday, May 15, 2010	Time	Location
School • ARTS AND SCIENCES	8:30 a.m.	Bramlage Coliseum
Assemble at 7:30 a.m. in Bramlage concourse, enter the southwest doors.		
• BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	12:30 p.m.	Bramlage Coliseum
Assemble at 11:45 a.m. in Bramlage concourse, enter the southwest doors.		
• EDUCATION	11 a.m.	Bramlage Coliseum
Assemble at 10:15 a.m. in Bramlage concourse, enter the southeast doors.		
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